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To Whom It May Concern::

I am writing to express my opposition to the Federal Acquisition Regulatory Council's proposal to repeal the Clinton administration's rules on federal contractor responsibility. The rules require contracting officers to look at a company's record of complying with the law in deciding whether the company is a "responsible contractor" eligible to receive a federal contract.

As someone who cares deeply about the environment, I think a company's track record of complying with environmental protection laws should be an important factor in deciding whether the company receives a federal contract. Companies that illegally pollute our rivers and streams, fail to comply with toxic waste laws or release pollutants into our environment in violation of clean air laws shouldn't be rewarded with lucrative federal contracts. That's unfair to companies that do comply with these important laws, and allows violators to profit from their lawbreaking.

Federal contracts should go to responsible, law-abiding companies, not to corporate lawbreakers. I urge the FAR Council not to repeal the contractor responsibility rules, but to allow the rules to go into effect without further delay.

Companies who violate federal and state labor laws should not allow to prosper by being allowed to compete in the federal sector.

Sincerely,
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